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for: MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPUTERIZED TELEVISION APPARATUS

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION: MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPUTERIZED TELEVISION
APPARATUS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to telecommunication devices, and more particularly to a multifunctional computerized television apparatus.

OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

10 It is the gist of the invention to provide a computerized television apparatus having a wide variety of functions allowing a person to accomplish different tasks on a same apparatus, while having a simple mode of operation.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

15 The single annexed drawing sheet is a block diagram schematically showing the main elements of the computerized television apparatus of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

20 In the annexed drawing, there is shown a block diagram of a computerized television apparatus 2 according to the preferred embodiment of the invention. Apparatus 2 comprises a processing unit (CPU) 4 which is conventionally connected to a
25 temporary random access memory(RAM) 6 and to a permanent

writable and readable program memory 8. CPU 4 is controlled by the user of apparatus 2 by means of a keyboard, a mouse and remote control all referenced as peripheral devices 10 in the drawing. Preferably, peripheral devices are wireless so as to allow remote control of apparatus 2 resulting in enhanced flexibility to the user.

CPU 4 is linked to a display controller 12, which has a suitable video temporary memory 14, which is in turn linked to a video mixer 16 and then to a suitable screen 18 controlled by a deflection controller 19, e.g. a 21" screen, to allow a visual display for the user.

An analog video input signal is received by a tuner 20, which transmits its signal to an analog to digital converter 22, the latter being linked to CPU 4.

Tuner 20 also transmits the sound band portion of the input signal to an audio controller 24 linked to an amplifier and speakers combination 26 which allow sound output for the user.

CPU 4 is further linked to an ethernet controller 28, which is in turn linked to a local network system by means of a suitable connector 30. CPU 4 is also linked to a modem device 32, which is in turn linked through a suitable connector 34 to the worldwide web, thus allowing internet browsing.

A controlled power input 36 feeds the components of device 2, and can be selectively activated and deactivated by

the user.

It can be seen that with apparatus 2, a number of different functions can be accomplished. Indeed, the RAM and program memories 6, 8, together with CPU 4, control peripheral devices 10, and video elements 12, 14, 16, 18, 19 allow the user of apparatus 2 to perform a wide variety of computer related operations; more particularly, the computer related operations are accomplished in relation with the data obtained through the local network and the internet 30, 34, and through the video and audio inputs 20. Thus, it is possible for the user to subdivide the screen display into a number of different images ("picture-in-picture"), some of which may be television programs, while simultaneously visualizing network or internet files. Apparatus 2 remains easy to use due to the wireless remote controllers 10 which allow the user to position himself at a selected distance from screen 18. No floppy or CD-ROM drives are provided on apparatus 2, and thus all the software required for the apparatus 2 operation is located on program memory 8, which simplifies the use of apparatus 2 for the user, since no software installation is needed. Apparatus 2 is consequently accessible for users which are unfamiliar or only slightly familiar with the use of computers, and combined with high quality video and audio outputs, confers a user-friendly environment.

Tuner 20 may also be used to receive radio frequency waves, for emitting through speakers 26 conventional radio sound

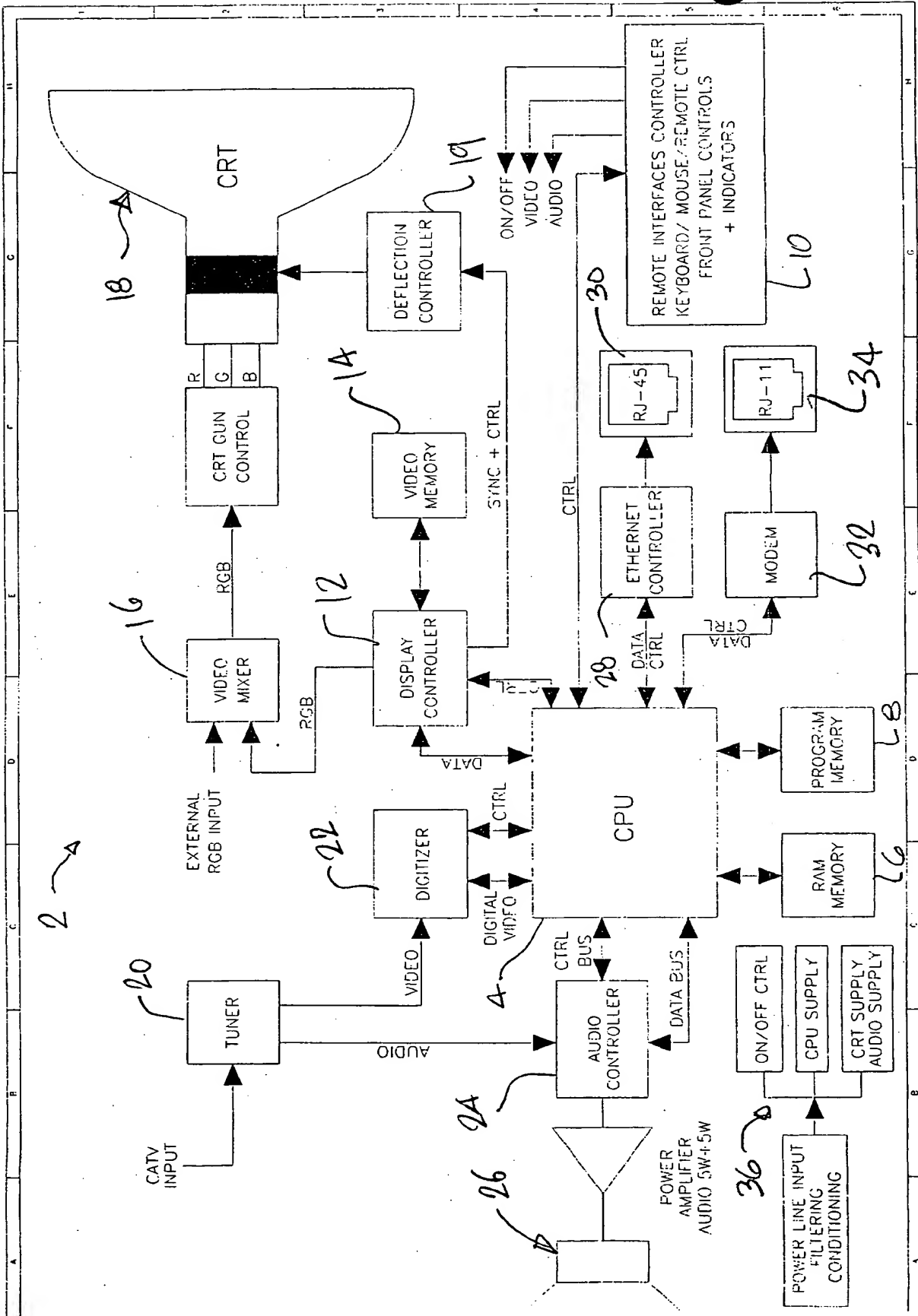
waves.

Any modifications which do not deviate from the scope of the present invention, are considered to be included therein, as will be obvious to one skilled in the art to which the invention pertains.

WE CLAIM:

A computerized television apparatus comprising:

- a processing unit;
- a random access memory and a program memory, linked to said processing unit;
- a modem linked to said processing unit and to a suitable internet connector;
- an ethernet controller linked to said processing unit and to a suitable local network connector;
- an audio and video tuner and digitizer device for receiving video and audio signals which can be processed through said processing unit;
- an audio output device, for transmitting sound waves, connected to said tuner and digitizer device and to said processing unit;
- a video output device, for visualizing images, linked to said processing unit; and
- a power device, for selectively powering said apparatus.



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MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPUTERIZED
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